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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions to make Claims 1-44 of this new application, which has not received any examination by the Examiner, special.

All claims for which examination is requested, are believed to be directed to a single invention.

If the Office determines that all the claims presented are not directed to a single invention the applicant will make an election without traverse.

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